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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of	:	
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Craig E. Columbus et al.	:	Confirmation No.: 8762
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Serial No. 09/829,439	:	Group Art Unit: 3624
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Filed: 4/10/2001	:	Examiner: Daniel Kesack
Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM CONTAINING INSTRUCTIONS FO REVALUATING AND DISSEMINATING SECURITIES ANALYST PERFORMANCE INFORMATION		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is in response to the Office Action issued June 30, 2006 having a one-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire by July 30, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time to August 30, 2006 is submitted with this Response.

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group II (claims 18-28, 38-44, 53-59, 65-67, 73-75, and 77, drawn to a system and method for comparing the performance of an analyst against the performance of other analysts, utilizing information pertaining to at least one revision made by the analyst, calculating a conditional performance score, and ranking analysts according to their conditional performance score, classified in class 705, subclass 35) for prosecution.

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AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

In the event that an Extension of Time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an Extension of Time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that Extension of Time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an Extension of Time or credit any overpayment for an Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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